

a window pane disposed in said window frame and having a hole therein and an exterior surface and an interior surface exposed by said window frame;

a patch covering said hole and being secured to one of said exterior surface or said interior surface of said window pane; and

a layer of unifying material applied over said patch and forming a cohesive mass with said patch and said window pane.

43. A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 42 wherein said patch has a periphery and said layer of unifying material covers at least said periphery of said patch.

44. A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 42 wherein said patch has a surface area and said layer of unifying material covers said surface area in its entirety.

45. A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 42 and further including a quantity of said unifying material applied to said one of said exterior surface or said interior surface for securing said patch to said window pane.

46. A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 42 wherein said patch includes a single patch member.

47. A method of stabilizing a window structure having a window pane with a hole therein, said method comprising the steps of

securing a patch over at least one of an exterior surface or an interior surface of the window pane such that the patch covers the hole;

applying a layer of unifying material over the patch; and

bonding the layer of unifying material to the patch to form a cohesive mass including the layer of unifying material, the patch and the window pane.

48. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 47 wherein said step of securing includes securing a single patch member over the hole.

49. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 47 wherein said step of applying includes applying the layer of unifying material to cover the patch in its entirety.

50. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 47 wherein said step of securing includes the steps of applying a quantity of the unifying material to the at least one of the exterior surface or the interior surface of the window pane around the hole, contacting the patch with the quantity of unifying material and bonding the quantity of unifying material to the window pane and the patch.

51. A method of stabilizing a window structure having a shattered window pane, said method comprising the steps of

applying a layer of unifying material to at least one of an exterior surface or an interior surface of a shattered window pane;

bonding the layer of unifying material to the window pane to form a cohesive mass including the shattered window pane and the layer of unifying material; and

leaving the cohesive mass in place to stabilize the shattered window pane for a desired length of time.

52. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 51 wherein said step of applying includes spraying the unifying material on the shattered window pane and said step of bonding includes allowing the unifying material to cure.

53. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 51 wherein said

step of leaving includes stabilizing the window pane by preventing fragments of the window pane from becoming loose.

54. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 51 wherein said step of leaving includes stabilizing the window pane by preventing it from collapsing.

55. A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 51 wherein said step of leaving includes stabilizing the window pane by restoring sealing functionality to the window pane.

56. A protected window pane comprising
a window pane having an exterior surface and an interior surface;
a layer of polymeric foam disposed on at least one of said exterior surface or said interior surface to provide protection to said window pane, said foam and said window pane forming a protected window pane; and
at least one handle secured to said protected window pane.

57. The protected window pane as recited in claim 56 wherein said at least one handle includes a plurality of handles.

58. The protected window pane as recited in claim 56 wherein said foam secures said at least one handle to said protected window pane.--

REMARKS

This communication is submitted in order to place the subject application in better condition for examination on the merits.

Claims 1 - 58 are pending in the subject application, with claims 42 - 58 having been added herewith. The newly added claims are supported by the specification as